

HB 3443 -1, -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Revenue

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Liquor Control Commission to calculate and post on commission's website previous calendar year's number of beverage containers that carry refund value sold in Oregon during calendar year for all distributors and importers in Oregon.

Removes prohibition on disclosure by commission of beverage container return data submitted to commission by distributor, importer or distributor cooperative.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of the Bottle bill
- The private sector responsibility
- The changes in the last few years.
- Redemption rate.
- The difference between the money raised and the amount refunded.
- Information needed and expected

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment requires audits and reports from distributors.

-2 The amendment requires the removal of the non disclosure section of the law. and requires OLCC to report on rates of redemption and regions.

BACKGROUND:

Since October 1972, Oregon's Bottle Bill established a system where beverage containers could be redeemed, recycled and returned to the manufacturing process to become new containers and products. After the redemption rate dipped below the 60% last year, In April 2017 the deposit changed to 10 cents for the first time. Bottles are being returned to newly adopted redemption sites and those sites are still being constructed.